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For:	ANCHORING MEANS FOR INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTS		

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**REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

Sir:

In reply to the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371
mailed June 20, 2006, applicants hereby submit the following:

1. A copy of the June 20, 2006 Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371;
2. Three (3) partially-executed Declarations, all inventors having signed;
3. An English translation of the international application and a verification of that translation;

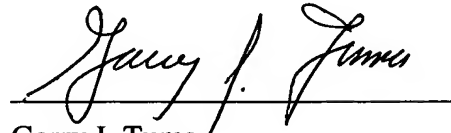
4. An English translation of the Article 19 claim amendments and a verification of that translation;

5. An English translation of the Article 41 claim amendments and a verification of that translation; and

6. An English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Please charge \$260.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-3013 in payment of the surcharge (\$130) for late filing of the declaration set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(h) and the processing fee (\$130) for providing the translations of the application and annexes later than 30 months from the priority date set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(i). Please charge any other fees required in connection with this Reply, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A duplicate copy of this Reply is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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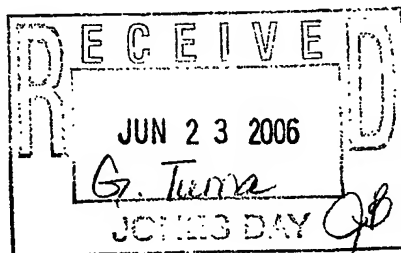


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/07/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/07/2005

*Oath/Decl/Fee w/
Translation of Appl.
due 8-20-06.*

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$260** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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